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In re application of: Gabriel Vogeli *et al.*

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002. The period to respond is extended by payment of the appropriate fee, provided herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-97, all the pending claims, are subject to a restriction requirement.

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of several patentably distinct inventions for examination. The Office Action alleges that each of the inventions is distinct because, *inter alia*, "they are products which possess characteristic differences in structure and function, and each has an independent utility, that is distinct for each invention which cannot be exchanged." (Office Action at pages 3-4).

Applicants provisionally elect herein the group encompassing claims 1-35, 77, 80-85, and 96 ("I-XLVIII") "drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, a vector, a host cell, and a method of producing the encoded polypeptide, comprising ONE of the following a [sic] nucleic acid sequence [sic] as set forth in the odd numbered sequences between 1-93 and